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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Report No. 34  
27 September - 3 October 1962  
Assessment and Evaluation Staff

I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

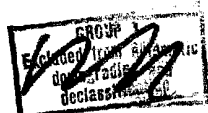
None

II. OTHER ITEMS

25X9A8 1. When [redacted], NSA specialist in Programmed Instruction, was visiting here this week, he told [redacted] of an abortive effort which NSA had made to try out Dr. [redacted] 25X1A9a  
25X9A8 [redacted] programmed materials in Spanish. After [redacted] talk to the Foreign 25X1A  
Service Institute last winter, [redacted] and two colleagues had gone 25X1A  
to see [redacted] and had expressed considerable interest in all three 25X1A  
of the language programs which he had under development (Spanish, Russian, and Thai). [redacted] was obligated to let them have copies of the ma- 25X1A  
terials because they were developed under a grant from the Office of Education, but he persuaded them to send someone from NSA to take the course as a means of assuring himself that they would be properly administered.  
25X9A8 [redacted] went on to say that the person selected was an unfortunate choice, who had little faith in Programmed Instruction and chided Dr.  
25X1A [redacted] for being "mechanistic." When she returned, after having completed the eight week's course, she wrote a severely critical report that was sent by the Director of NSA to the Office of Education. Apparently it was approved first by NSA's Director of Training, who has been slow to see the advantages, and quick to exaggerate the shortcomings, of Programmed Instruction. [redacted] was embarrassed because it seemed unfair to [redacted], who had understood the NSA representative would learn to administer, not make sweeping evaluative comments, about his training materials. Apparently NSA's earlier offer to evaluate his materials has now been withdrawn. [redacted] further reported that, beginning 25X1A  
early in December, he plans to try out on about 20 students the 40-hour language course which we have been experimenting with since last fall--

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2. [REDACTED] will be in Princeton, N. J. 5 and 6 October to continue their instruction in Information Processing Language from [REDACTED] and to consult with [REDACTED] on the Package for the RCA 501 computer.

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3. [REDACTED] conducted a covert intensive assessment [REDACTED] on 2 and 3 October 1962.

III. PERSONNEL

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4. A re-evaluation of [REDACTED] external training program was made by [REDACTED] and C/A&E during the week based upon additional information just obtained. Changes in the doctoral requirements at Teachers College, Columbia University, which have occurred since [REDACTED] last attended the graduate school in 1959, would make it impossible in our estimation for him to complete the program within the two years approved by DTR and DDS. He has the following requirements to meet for a PhD in Clinical Psychology: one year's internship with the VA Program; completion of comprehensive examinations which determine future acceptance as a doctoral candidate; two full semesters of courses after the above two requirements have been met; the completion of a research study; and a doctoral dissertation reporting on this research. In addition, he has two languages to complete. [REDACTED] proposed as an alternative to an external training program this year the following: he would work 40 hours a week on the A&E Staff, and at his own expense travel to New York and return each Thursday for the purpose of completing two research courses at Teachers College (he would work on the A&E Staff on Saturdays). He would complete his comprehensive examinations in March, and he would also work on his languages during the next year. At the end of that time he would hope we would be in a better position to judge his suitability for an external ~~research~~ *training* program.

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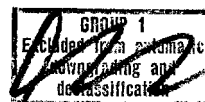
This alternative was accepted after discussion by C/A&E with DTR and DDTR. [REDACTED] emphasized that he is interested in the work on the A&E Staff and that he definitely wishes to pursue this course of action and also wants his service designation changed from DDP to ST (this has already been completed).

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5. [REDACTED] has informed us that he has decided to seek employment outside the Agency. He feels that he should seek a career with a consultant type of organization which will give him a variety of experience and provide him with a salary "in the low \$20,000's in the next five years." He has requested that he be permitted time off now and then for the purpose

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of pursuing interviews with prospective employers. We regret that Dr. [REDACTED] has decided to leave the organization since he has been a key figure on our staff and he will indeed be very difficult to replace.

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